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We will sell you for \$1 Cash \$2 worth of goods. Why? will be the general cry. Because we buy bankrupt stock at sheriff sale for one-half of New York cost, for cash. We have just bought the entire stock of the B. C. Evans Dry Goods Company.

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HOG IS THE KING.

Thousands Meet to Worship at His Shrine.

A GREAT DAY FOR COL. HOXIE.

The Gould Party and Distinguished Texas Citizens Entertained in Royal Style.

The Corner Stone of the New Buildings Laid With Dignity and Address—Made by Leading Citizens—Resolutions Adopted—Notes of the Day.

THE BARBECUE.

Over 6000 People Eat Packing House Products—Distinguished Visitors.

At 10 p. m. Friday night, as announced in yesterday's GAZETTE, there arrived over the Santa Fe a party of twenty-five representative Texas merchants, who came in a special car for the packing house at 11 a. m. the party being in charge of Col. John R. Hoxie, president of the packing house, and who was in his happy mood. There were in the party the following gentlemen, and represented the cities mentioned: J. F. Brown and A. G. Howell, Houston;

W. McCallister, N. H. Christian and N. Mosley, Galveston; T. A. Cook and T. A. Wear, Belton; Coon Williams, J. M. Milan, J. L. Cleveland, J. G. Towels, Cleburne; D. Kemp, Cameron; C. N. Yancy, E. H. Winne, Col. L. R. Wade, Temple;

E. Reeves, C. L. Windhausen, Harry Hudson and F. Cobb, Caldwell; T. H. Ouelen, C. W. Reichardt and F. Kreutzlin, Brenham; James Phillips, Seely; R. W. Mitchell and J. B. Naylor, Moody. Upon their arrival at the packing house they were taken in charge by General Manager Barnum, seconded by Col. Hoxie, and shown through the establishment, which was in full operation, from garret to cellar, and every process that a beef, pork or sheep is subjected to preparatory to placing temptingly before one who wishes to appease an appetite, was shown and explained, to the admiration and wonder of all. The live manufacturing department, the shipping department, the massive machinery and engine rooms—all, were pointed out to the admiring spectators, and words that certainly caused the big hearts of the projector and manager to beat with pride were spoken in two, four's in chiding the entire party.

After the party had thoroughly inspected every department, and engaged a few minutes in general conversation, they were requested to "follow us" by Col. Hoxie and General Manager Barnum, and they proceeded to the lawn connecting the stockyards and packing, where there had been prepared barbecued meats of choice selection, prepared as only trained culinary artists can prepare it, and everything that should properly go with a first-class barbecue dinner was there in abundance. The visitors did full justice to the dinner, and were loud in their praise of the packing and the packing-house people.

At this point the majority of them returned to the city to take in other places of interest and view the city generally, with the intention of returning in the afternoon to be in attendance at the cornerstone laying to the new addition to the packing at 4 p. m.

A GAZETTE reporter managed to get a few opinions from these merchants concerning the packing and its great good to Texas, its effect abroad, its present magnitude and the future before it, and why they were here.

Those interviewed were a unit in expression. The packing is the great-west, and is making itself felt far and near. Its products, when placed on the market, and the consumer saw the "Fort Worth Bankrupt Dry Goods Store" brand, spoke in trip hammer tones for themselves. A majority of these merchants were already handling these products, and would continue to do so, and those of them who were not handling them were here to arrange for so doing in future.

Galveston and Houston's representatives were large commission dealers, and were here to arrange to handle these products heavily, and felt assured they could so arrange to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

In doing this the question of rates and competition with the Armour and Swift packing establishments were to be considered, but they could not see why these difficulties, if difficulties they were, could not be successfully handled.

They were agreeably surprised when informed of the immense business done by this company, and made their wonderment known by earnest expressions.

The Barbecue.

At an early hour, a large number of people arrived at the yards, and at this hour the barbecued edibles were ready, and all that came were served by a corps of polite attendants, and no one went away hungry.

The preparations for the occasion were on a grand scale. The pits were sunk in an enclosure 75x100 feet, and around this were erected tables laden with everything that goes to make up a barbecue dinner, and from 9 a. m. to 3 p. m. it is estimated that over six thousand people were served, and there was plenty left for half as many more.

At 3:30 p. m. the crowd began to arrive to be in attendance upon the corner stone ceremonies, and by 4:15, the hour at which Rev. J. Morgan Wells stepped upon the platform, there were several hundred people present.

CORNER STONE LAID.

Appropriate Ceremonies at the Packing House Addition Yesterday.

Fort Worth has always been proud of the packing house and has recognized from the beginning the vast amount of good it would do not only for Fort Worth, but for all Texas. The Fort Worth packing company, composed as it is of conservative, thorough business men, has never said much before hand of what would be done, but has done the work and then let it be known. It was met and proper that a suitable ceremony should mark the new era of the packing company which began yesterday when the corner stone of the great cooling house, one of the new buildings now being erected, was laid. It was a day of triumph for Col. John R. Hoxie and the men who have with such wisdom, determination and energy pushed the work on the great structure and in a few months made the institution the biggest thing in all Texas. The beginning was in November last when the first hog was killed, the second step was taken yesterday, and there will be step after step in the future, until the Fort Worth packing house covers acres upon acres of ground and scores of thousands of hogs, beefs and sheep are slaughtered weekly. Col. Hoxie was a happy man yesterday, and well he might be, for he could see the great future before the packing; he could see what a mighty engine for good the packing would be.

It was the intention originally to begin the ceremony of laying the corner-stone at 8 o'clock, but there was so much to see and do, and enjoy at the barbecue, and in and around the packing house and Union stock-

yards that it was 4:10 before the visitors from all along the line of the Santa Fe and from other points, together with the Fort Worth people, had assembled at the point where the buildings are going up. Superintendant Barnum had made all arrangements for the convenience and comfort of the guests, so that everything moved smoothly. The men gathered around the corner-stone represented millions of dollars of money; they were men devoted to Texas and Fort Worth, men who had the courage of their convictions, and who would let their money back up their mature judgment.

The foundation of the buildings are already in and the stone walls, in some places are up six or eight feet. The corner stone was ready to be put in place, and men stood near to do the work. The stone was neatly cut, and bore the inscription:

Erected A. D. 1891.
Col. John R. Hoxie, President.
J. L. Williams, Vice-President.
G. M. Barnum, General Manager.

Rev. J. Morgan Wells conducted the ceremony of putting the stone in position, and this done he addressed the company in language befitting the occasion.

REV. J. MORGAN WELLS, the first speaker, was in a happy frame of mind, and was listened to with pleasure. He said: "We have met here today, my friends, to lay the second corner stone of the great packing house of Texas. It was only a few months since that I, in my operations, and there were some who feared because of the gigantic proportions of the concern that it could not be a success. But there were others who were full of hope because they knew the experience of the men who were at the head of the enterprise and also knew by observation the necessity of the institution and realized the demand for its products. And now its success is assured beyond reasonable doubt, because it is based not on whims or speculations, but on the necessities of the people. For people must eat, they will eat, they can't get along without eating, and they don't want to if they could. The packing house has demonstrated its fitness to live by supplying the meat to the people in better condition than before. Thus, cattle of Texas and neighboring states, recognize the service this institution has rendered them, and in doing this it has created a demand greater than the supply, and to meet the increased demands of the people of the Southwest this enlargement is taking place today. While this institution is here to supply a demand, at the same time creates a demand for home products which may be furnished at great profit by the farmers of Texas and the states nearest. The great want of Texas is to produce at home all the food and meat consumed here, and this can be done by small farmers who will find that the best market for their corn is in the pig pen. This Fort Worth packing house represents an outlay of several hundreds of thousands of dollars, and it requires vast sums of money and many men to properly conduct it. This money goes to the laboring man, to the merchant, to the farmer, to the property holder, to the railroad, and the express companies, in fact to all, directly or indirectly. It benefits everybody—but the preacher. While it is doing all this, however, it is making money, and it is well that this is so, for it could not run if it did not make money. It is a blessing to Fort Worth and all Texas and the field of its good work will continue to grow. In the presence of all these witnesses, I lay this corner stone, in the name of the Southwest, in the name of the great empire state of Texas, in the name of the proud and peopled city of Fort Worth, in the name of enterprise, progress and prosperity, in the name of past achievements and present success, in the name of hope that the star of its brightest future may always be in the ascendant." [Applause.]

COL. JOHN R. HOXIE, being called for took the stand amid applause, and he would not make a speech, that was not in his line, but he would say that the packing house would help the preacher as well as everybody else. His friend, Rev. J. Morgan Wells, should remember this. The packing house would kill for all that might live. There need be no doubt in any man's mind about the success of the packing house, the only trouble would be, could the meat demand for the products be supplied? If money could furnish the capacity and the country would raise the hogs and the cattle, the greatest demand for the dresser meat would be supplied if the hogs had to be brought from Montana, Nebraska and Iowa, but this would not be necessary, for Texas farmers were in the hog business, and they would be to-day raising the finest hogs in the country. Col. Hoxie said he had just received a telegram stating that the United States government had awarded the contract to the Fort Worth packing company to supply all the meats the soldiers in Texas at the different military posts consumed. Uncle Sam knew a good thing when he saw it. The speaker said it would only be a few months until the new buildings were in use and then 1500 hogs, 500 cattle and 1000 sheep would be slaughtered and dressed every day.

COL. FRANK SMITH.

Major Smith was the next speaker. He said he had watched Fort Worth grow from a mere hamlet to its present proportions, and he felt safe in saying that the railroad had been secured the greatest thing in the upbuilding of Fort Worth would be her packing house interests. A home market for cattle and hogs was needed and the packing house gave this. The Texas farmer would raise corn and hogs if he knew that he could sell his hogs at Chicago prices whenever he was ready.

Major Smith gave statistics that showed the number of people naturally tributary to the packing house. He felt sanguine that it would continue to grow from year to year.

CAPT. THOMAS F. WEST.

When Capt. West took the stand everyone knew that he would make a good speech and he did. He said that it was charged against Texas that she sold cotton and bought bacon and everything else, but this was no longer the case, she made her bacon and saved all she got for her cotton. He had heard men say that a packing house in Texas could not succeed. "Those men didn't know the Fort Worth spirit, and had never met Col. John R. Hoxie, a man who when he put his hand to the plow never turned back. When he had heard that a packing house had been decided on, and heard that John R. Hoxie had said it should go, he knew it would go. The great packing that stood here then was an object lesson. It told what energy and determination and enterprise could do. Years from now when the quarter of a million people of Fort Worth saw the clouds of black smoke curling to high heaven from a score of packing house smokestacks they would remember Col. Hoxie and bless his name for the good work he had done.

H. C. BOLLOWAY.

was the last speaker. He told in a plain practical way of the good work the packing house had done and would do not only for Fort Worth, but for the state. Fort Worth in building the packing house was the right track, and if she obtained more of such enterprises the future was assured.

The Santa Fe Contingent.

At 5:15 yesterday morning a special car having on board W. H. Masters, general freight agent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe; Bryan Snyder, traveling freight agent; J. M. Steere, assistant general freight agent, and a party of twenty-five merchants from towns along the line, consisting of James Phillips of Seely, R. N. Mitchell and J. B. Naylor of Moody, J. H. Ouelen, C. W. Reichardt and F. Kreutzlin of Brenham; E. Reeves, C. L. Windhausen, Harry Hudson and F. Cobb of Caldwell; D. Kemp of Cameron; O. U. Yancy, E. H. Winne and Col. L. R. Wade of Temple; T. A. Cook and J. H. Wear, Belton; Coon Williams, J. M. Milan, J. L. Cleveland and J. G. Towels of Cleburne; J. M. Galloway, N. H. Christian and N. Mosley of Galveston, and J. F. Brown and A. G. Howell, Houston, pulled out of the union depot for the pack-

ing house. The crowd was a jolly one, and upon alighting from the train were met by Col. Hoxie and Superintendent Barnum, who escorted them through the packing house. The train in which a hog was disposed, less than two minutes from the time he emerged from the stock chute until he was on his way to the cooling room, was a matter of surprise, and this was in no wise lessened when the visitors descended the stairway into the curing rooms and beheld the vast piles of meat piled up on either hand in various stages of curing. From the packing house they were taken to the hotel, adjoining which was the barbecue, and where the visiting merchants, the Gould party and other visitors enjoyed the opportunity of the packing company. After this the visitors returned to the town, and passed a great portion of the time in raising over the city, returning to the packing house in time for the ceremony of laying the corner stone.

After supper the visiting merchants assembled in the parlors of the hotel, and organized by electing Col. L. R. Wade of Temple, chairman, and J. H. Wear of Belton, secretary. A committee, consisting of one person from each town was appointed to draft suitable resolutions and their approval of the visit is embodied in the following resolutions:

Whereas, Mr. W. H. Masters, general freight agent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railroad, has tendered us this trip to Fort Worth, and has made the trip a very enjoyable one in every respect and

Whereas, Col. Hoxie, president of the Fort Worth packing company, and his associates, Superintendent Barnum, were unflinchingly in their efforts to render our visit a pleasant one;

Resolved, that this meeting does hereby extend its hearty appreciation of the courtesies extended and opportunities offered to visit the establishment.

Resolved, that this packing house is a grand institution for the upbuilding of Texas, and affords an superior article of meat products that cannot be excelled anywhere.

Resolved, that Col. Hoxie and his associates are to be congratulated for the only of Fort Worth, but of all Texans who take a pride in the progress of the state, for establishing such an enterprise on so extensive a scale.

Resolved, that we hereby tender our most sincere thanks to Messrs. Masters, Bryan, Snyder and the Santa Fe road for organizing this excursion and rendering it possible for us to become better acquainted with Fort Worth and her business men.

Resolved, that we do heartily commend the Fort Worth packing company and its products to all Texans and recommend their patronage, and thereby aid in the upbuilding of home enterprise.

Resolved, that these resolutions be published in the Fort Worth Gazette, Dallas News, Houston Post and Galveston News.

SOME INTERVIEWS.

Among those most interested were the visiting merchants brought up by the Santa Fe. Col. C. U. Yancy of Temple said: "I am astounded. I had read a great deal in the papers about the Fort Worth packing house, but I had imagined it was all newspaper talk. I had no idea it was such a grand institution. Why, sir, the thing is thing in Texas. Look at those stacks of meat. No danger of starvation here. I want to go on record as saying that there is no fear of the future prosperity of any city lagging behind in the race for first place with such men as John R. Hoxie to promote such enterprises and such men as Col. Barnum to run the machine. Texas is an empire within her borders, and this packing house and its success demonstrates that she can, if she will, become self sustaining and independent. Why, with such men as Hoxie to take the lead, you could build a Chinese wall around Texas, and she would still be prosperous. I feel like throwing my hat in the air and kicking it up again, when it comes down, and saying three big cheers for Fort Worth and that man Hoxie."

Col. L. R. Wade of Temple said: "I say, boys, I have a bag of bacon to take to-day and have it shipped at once as a token of our appreciation of the genius and iron nerve of the man who dares establish a packing house in Texas, and with Texas men, raised on Texas soil, cured by Texas men, and shipped to Texas, and Texas men, invaded the dominion over which Swift, Armour and Co. have held undisputed sway. I tell you that building is enough to cause every Texas citizen to crack his heels together and yell, until Davy Crockett and Sam Houston came out of their graves to see what caused the racket. I had heard a good deal about Fort Worth and her packing house, and her conservative, yet enterprising and thoroughly reliable GAZETTE. After this visit I am not afraid to back Fort Worth, The GAZETTE, Texas, and Texans against the world for many years to come."

J. H. Wear of Belton said: "This packing house beats me. And they are even now building an addition to double its capacity before it has completed its first season. I for one shall hereafter buy all my meats of Fort Worth. Her pick and her enterprise demand it to say nothing of the superior quality of the product. Such enterprises as this are what Texas needs."

GENERAL NOTES.

Col. Hoxie laid his coat aside at an early hour, and prepared for business. He was in no one place five minutes at a time—but was looking after the welfare of the visitors.

General Manager Barnum was in it. He said that everybody saw what they came to see.

Messrs. Hoxie and Barnum at one time got into the pen and served barbecued viands and liquid refreshments to their friends, and the crowd generally like old timers and enjoyed it hugely. They said that everybody got plenty to eat.

New Orleans took a large lot of packing house products yesterday.

Capt. West did himself proud in his speech yesterday.

Jay Gould and party were delighted with the packing house.

Barbecued meat is pronounced an inspirer of eloquence.

Cattle Sale at Abilene.

Special to the Gazette.
ABILENE, TEX., April 11.—W. L. Gatlin made the largest cattle purchase that has been made here for quite a while, during the past week, having purchased the brand of which there is something over 5000 head.

Shipped from Colorado.

Special to the Gazette.
COLORADO, TEX., April 11.—The Chicago cattle company shipped four train loads of cattle to the Territory to-day. Winfield Scott will have two trains to Morrow, and another party six trains Monday.

The first spring wool clip was brought in to-day and sold readily at 17 cents.

To Investigate the Fort Worth Packery.

Correspondence of the Gazette.
PICKLETON, TEX., April 10.—W. H. Masters, general freight agent of the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe railway, with a party of merchants numbering thirty to forty, are enroute to Fort Worth to inspect the meat packing house of Fort Worth with a view of throwing the Texas meat trade to Fort Worth home market. If the merchants are pleased with the style of business and prices of the Fort Worth meat packing company they will throw their orders there and drop Kansas City and other Northern cities.

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